

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #112:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Hello everyone! I'm writing this newsletter a little later this week. I was busy most of the last few days working on my seder dinner. Along with coins I really like to cook so these family holidays are always great for trying out new recipes. Luckily there aren't any auctions going on this weekend because I wouldn't have the time for them anyway. I suppose most everyone celebrates something. I'm personally celebrating both Passover and Easter. I'm preparing for a very busy next week when the Central States coin show takes place mid-week. I hope to see some of you there. The week after is all about the Swiss auctions then.

Central States Coin Show (April 24-27 in Schaumburg, IL)

I've started to hear from a few folks that they will be coming out to Central States. This should prove to be a valuable coin show to attend for ancients if everything goes well. The merging of Central States and the Chicago Coin Expo was likely a good decision. I'm at booth 1802 so please come by and see me (and my mom Ellen!).

I'll be doing a presentation on Saturday afternoon covering Women on Ancient Coinage. I'd be happy to see some of you there!

Here are the show specifics:

<https://www.centralstatesnumismaticsociety.org/schedule-of-events>

Heritage Signature Sale 3073 (April 25-26 @ Central States Show Chicago)

The auction of the CSNS is Heritage and they have their live sale on April 25-26 and April 29. There are 360 ancient coins in session 1 on April 25. For those interested I should be able to view coins sometime on the first day of the show. Please keep in mind that Heritage does encapsulate coins so I am unable to view edges of the coin. It can be tricky for viewing

properly but obviously not impossible. Let me know if you need my help. The lots are probably best viewed on the Heritage site. They have it really down to a science I have to admit! Their auctions are very easy to bid in.

A link for you:

[https://coins.ha.com/c/search-results.zx?](https://coins.ha.com/c/search-results.zx?N=51+793+794+791+1577+792+2088+4294945711&searchView=gallery&ic4=GalleryView-071515)

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Morton & Eden (Upcoming Live Auction May 2)

Morton & Eden has a decent auction of pedigreed material coming up. I viewed the coins when I was in London. The sale is only a mere 164 coins but it is a charming sale. You won't see the most sharply struck or FDC coins, but you will absolutely get a coin that has attractive cabinet toning and good collector history attached to it. There is a rather nice selection of Ptolemaic gold coins (also featured on the cover). I will be participating by phone for this auction so get me your bids in the next days.

Nomos Auction 18 (Live in Zurich on May 5)

Nomos has a very nice, albeit smaller, selection of coins being offered for their May 5th sale. Truth be told I love the "smaller" auctions. Sometimes when there are over 1,000 coins I just get tired and I lose my motivation when viewing. Nomos has a beautiful group with some interesting pedigrees and types. A large portion of the sale is centered on Greek which is just fine by me. You can check out the sale online. I'll be viewing this sale a few days before the auction so please get in touch if you want my help. I will be attending the auction.

NAC Auction 114 (Live in Zurich on May 6-7)

I've really enjoyed looking through the two catalogs from the 114th NAC sale. The coins in the first part are filled with rarities and lengthy, impressive pedigrees. As I mentioned in the earlier newsletters, the estimates are strong and I don't expect anything to be "given away" on the floor. I'm one of many dealers that makes their way every May and October to the NAC auction. It is truly one of the highlight auctions of the year for me. I've had some great success at the sales but also more than a few frustrating experiences where I lost a coin that I was sure that I would win for a client. I think my point is that everyone participates, whether online, on the phone, sending in bids or sitting on the floor. The second catalog of the sale usually has the more affordable pieces, but competition can still be fierce. I always forewarn clients that want to bid with me that you should be reasonable when estimating how much to bid. Bidding to estimate usually does not ensure success. Working with me a little closely about realistic bidding is the best way to have go. I'm happy to chat with anyone on any lots, big or small, so please get in touch if you need advice.

Upcoming Swiss Auctions: Leu 4 (Live auction on May 25)

I'm mentioning the Leu auction a bit earlier as I will be viewing the 925 lots sometime when I am in Zurich for NAC and Nomos. They have a very interesting Celtic section of 106 lots that starts the auction. The Greek and Roman sections are filled with some exceedingly

nice pieces. One interesting section I noticed was the 51 lots from the "Aurum Barbarorum" collection. These pieces are all coins that were made into jewelry in ancient times either with a bezel or simply a hole punched through. A very interesting selection of pieces that someone obviously took time to assemble. They also are offering 27 ancient weights in the sale; something that is not typically in abundance in any one auction. The catalogs haven't yet arrived to me but you can visit the sale on their site or look at it on Sixbid or Numisbids. Please let me know if you want any lots viewed. I won't be returning back at the end of the month for the auction. I will set up phone bidding.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-empire/octavian-as-augustus-divvs-ivlivs-comet-issues-27-bc-14-ad-spain-caesaraugusta-19-18-bc?rq=re1065>

Octavian as Augustus. "DIVVS IVLIVS" Comet Issues. 27 BC - 14 AD. Spain, Caesaraugusta, 19-18 BC

AR Denarius, 3.80g (20mm, 6h). CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Oak-wreathed head l. Rev. DIVVS – IVLIVS Eight-rayed comet with tail upwards.

Price: \$6,000

This early coin of Augustus is a powerful reminder of the influence that celestial objects played in the lives of the Romans. The year was 44 BC and the emperor Julius Caesar had just been murdered by a group of Senators, including his friend Marcus Junius Brutus who was said to have wielded the final deadly blow. Only four months subsequent to this betrayal of his fellow kinsmen, Caesar was being honored in a ceremony called Ludi Victoriae Caesaris, which was in fact arranged by Brutus, to help garner goodwill towards the many Romans who saw the killing as a form of murder and not freedom from a tyrannical man. During the games, a bright comet was visible and shone for seven full days. The Roman people interpreted this as the deification of Julius Caesar. To be sure, the comet was a miraculous event and the spirit of Julius Caesar was forever intertwined with the often seen mythical episode. Besides being awe-inspiring, it also helped to launch the career of Caesar's great nephew (and adopted son) Octavian, later

Augustus. It is for this reason we see the comet on his coins with a legend denoting the deified Julius Caesar.

References: C 97. BMC 326. RIC 37b. CBN 1302

Grade: Light iridescent toning. A few minor imperfections, otherwise almost Mint State
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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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